



## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mr. Vito Cannella  
Ms. Rita Hall  
Mr. John A. Hammargren  
Mr. Carl E. Moore

### **MINUTES OF THE** **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **JANUARY 30, 2008**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

#### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Chair Montañó led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Present**

Chair Eleanor R. Montañó  
Vice Chair Helen H. Stathatos  
Frank Bacio  
Rita Hall  
Carl E. Moore

##### **Excused Absence**

John A. Hammargren  
Vito Cannella

##### **Staff**

Sandra Barbee, Chief, Commission Services  
Janice A. Davis, Commission Services Staff  
Garen Khachian, Commission Services Staff  
Andrew Sevrin, Commission Services Staff

#### **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 23, 2008 MINUTES**

**On motion of Commissioner Stathatos, seconded by Commissioner Hall, and unanimously carried, the minutes of January 23, 2008 were approved, with no changes.**

Commissioner Moore joined the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Montañó reported on the following four (4) articles:

- "The Final Stop For Disruptive Adoptees", Los Angeles Times, January 20, 2008, regarding the Ranch for Kids, a therapeutic ranch in Montana which houses dysfunctional children from abroad.
- "Paying To Do Time", Daily News, January 26, 2008, regarding "pay-to-stay" boutique jails that serve celebrities and upper-class inmates convicted of minor crimes.
- "President Truman's Only Child Was Successful Writer", Los Angeles Times, January 30, 2008, regarding the obituary on President Truman's daughter Margaret.
- "Molina's Skid Row Crusade", Los Angeles Times, January 30, 2008, regarding Supervisor Molina's crusade to toughen Los Angeles County's stand on homeless parents.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Bacio reported the current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$897.23.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Ms. Janice Davis, Staff, Commission Services gave the following report:

- Chair Montañó and Commissioner Moore will be attending services for the "Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Day", scheduled February 17, 2008 at the West Angeles Cathedral, 3600 Crenshaw Blvd, Los Angeles, sponsored by The West Counseling Center.
- Arrangements for transportation to Pitchess Detention Center is in process and staff will update the Commission in the next meeting.
- The Commission Services Division will be relocating to Room B-50 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration on February 11, 2008.

### **REPORTING GUIDELINES FOR DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES**

"The Reporting Guidelines For Department Representatives" was modified by the Commission and continued to next week.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

An invitation was received from ICAN inviting the Commission to attend the Fourth Annual Conference on "Childhood Grief and Traumatic Loss", scheduled for March 11 & 12, 2008 at the Pasadena Convention Center.

**FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM JANUARY 23, 2008 TO JANUARY 29, 2008**

**Five Acres – 20, #5 – Commissioner Stathatos**

The facility was visited on January 24, 2008, and found to be in good condition.

**Inglewood Courthouse – Commissioners Hall and Moore**

The facility was visited on January 24, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Areas of Concern:** No showers; kitchen for deputies' use only; copy machine needed.

**Carson Sheriffs Station – Commissioner Montaña**

The facility was visited on January 24, 2008, and found to be in outstanding condition.

**A motion was passed by Chair Montaña, seconded by Commissioner Hall, and unanimously carried for a Letter of Commendation to be drafted to Sheriff Baca commending the efforts of Deputy Patrick Copp for his work at Carson Station.**

**Five Acres – 21, #1 – Commissioner Stathatos**

The facility was visited on January 28, 2008, and found to be in unsatisfactory condition.

**Areas of Concern:** Bedrooms were very messy; clothing all over the place.

**New Concept – 40, #1 – Commissioners Hammargren and Montaña**

The facility was visited on January 28, 2008, and no one was home.

**San Gabriel Children's Center – 53, #2 – Commissioners Hammargren and Montaña**

The facility was visited on January 29, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Areas of Concern:** Couch needs fixing; Needs and Service Plan not at site.

**Century Regional Detention Center – Commissioners Bacio, Hall and Moore**

The facility was visited on January 29, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Area of Concern:** Need more Mental Health staff.

**A motion was passed by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Moore, and unanimously carried for a Letter of Commendation to be drafted to Sheriff Baca commending the efforts of Sergeant David Haney for his work at Century Regional Detention Center.**

Commissioner Moore reviewed the following Audit Reports with the Commission:

The Harris Group Home –34 #3, and Kalsman Avenue Group home – 34 #4, Audit reports dated November 27, 2007 revealed all areas of concerns have been corrected.

**NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were none.

**MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)**

Discussion on revisions to Inspection Reporting forms.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Montaña adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m. in memory of Margaret Truman Daniel.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janice A. Davis*  
Commission Services Division